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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 478

File No. 429

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(As Amended By Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

***"An Act Concerning Privileged Communications  
Between A Patient And A Licensed Professional  
Counselor."***

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- 1 In line 1, before "(NEW)" insert "Section 1."
- 2 After line 70, insert the following:
- 3 "Sec. 2. Section 20-195dd of the general statutes, as amended by  
4 section 4 of public act 99-126, is repealed and the following is  
5 substituted in lieu thereof:
- 6 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b), [and] (c) and (d) of this  
7 section, an applicant for a license as a professional counselor shall  
8 submit evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of Public Health of  
9 having: (1) Completed sixty graduate semester hours deemed to be in  
10 or related to the discipline of professional counseling by the National  
11 Board for Certified Counselors, or its successor organization, at a  
12 regionally accredited institution of higher education, which included

13 the core and clinical curriculum of the Council for Accreditation of  
14 Counseling and Related Educational Programs and preparation in  
15 principles of etiology, diagnosis, treatment planning and prevention of  
16 mental and emotional disorders and dysfunctional behavior, and has  
17 earned, from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
18 with a major deemed to be in the discipline of professional counseling  
19 by the National Board for Certified Counselors or its successor  
20 organization, either (A) a master's degree of at least forty-two graduate  
21 semester hours or a master's degree and a sixth-year degree, or (B) a  
22 doctoral degree; (2) acquired three thousand hours of postgraduate-  
23 degree-supervised experience in the practice of professional  
24 counseling, performed over a period of not less than one year, that  
25 included a minimum of one hundred hours of direct supervision by  
26 (A) a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 who has obtained  
27 certification in psychiatry from the American Board of Psychiatry and  
28 Neurology, (B) a psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 383, (C) an  
29 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378  
30 and certified as a clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental  
31 health nursing with the American Nurses Credentialing Center, (D) a  
32 marital and family therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 383a, (E) a  
33 clinical social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 383b, (F) a  
34 professional counselor licensed, or prior to October 1, 1998, eligible for  
35 licensure, pursuant to section 20-195cc, or (G) a physician certified in  
36 psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology,  
37 psychologist, advanced practice registered nurse certified as a clinical  
38 specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing with the  
39 American Nurses Credentialing Center, marital and family therapist,  
40 clinical social worker or professional counselor licensed or certified as  
41 such or as a person entitled to perform similar services, under a  
42 different designation, in another state or jurisdiction whose  
43 requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to  
44 or higher than those of this state; and (3) passed an examination  
45 prescribed by the commissioner.

46 (b) Prior to July 1, 1999, an applicant for a license as a professional

47 counselor may, in lieu of the requirements set forth in subsection (a) of  
48 this section, submit evidence satisfactory to the commissioner of  
49 having: (1) Earned a master's degree, sixth-year degree or doctoral  
50 degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education  
51 with a major the National Board for Certified Counselors or its  
52 successor organization deems to be in the discipline of professional  
53 counseling; and (2) practiced professional counseling for a minimum  
54 of two years within a five-year period immediately preceding  
55 application.

56 (c) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present  
57 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is licensed  
58 or certified as a professional counselor, or as a person entitled to  
59 perform similar services under a different designation, in another state  
60 or jurisdiction whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are  
61 substantially similar to or higher than those of this state and that there  
62 are no disciplinary actions or unresolved complaints pending.

63 (d) During the period commencing on the effective date of this act  
64 and ending on October 1, 2001, an applicant for a license as a  
65 professional counselor may, in lieu of the requirements for completion  
66 of graduate semester hours at a regionally accredited institution of  
67 higher education or the earning of a degree from a regionally  
68 accredited institution of higher education, or both, as set forth in  
69 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, submit evidence  
70 satisfactory to the commissioner of: (1) Having satisfied the graduate  
71 semester hour requirements or degree requirements, or both, as set  
72 forth in said subdivision, at an institution of higher education other  
73 than a regionally accredited institution of higher education; and (2)  
74 continuous employment as a supervisor of psychologists, social  
75 workers, counselors or similar professionals for a minimum of fifteen  
76 years within a five-year period immediately preceding application.

77 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that section  
78 1 shall take effect October 1, 2000."